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EMBEDDING TISSUES.—At the Queckett Club wax was spoken of as the chosen material for embedding tissues preparatory to cutting thin sections. Dr. Matthews preferred paraffine to beeswax. Dr. George Hoggan, however, considered carrot preferable to wax, and elder pith better than either.

GLYCERINE MOUNTING.—According to Dr. George Hoggan, glycerine is used almost universally for mounting in France. A little paraffine is run around the edge of the cover-glass, and a solution of sealing wax painted over it.

NOTES.

PROFESSOR JEFFRIES WYMAN, of Cambridge, died suddenly at Bethlehem, N. H., on September 4th. For many years Professor Wyman had been in delicate health and obliged to spend the winter months in Florida, while the heat of summer was avoided by excursions to the mountains, and it was hoped that with the great care he was taking he would be spared for many years to come; especially did this seem probable from his apparently restored condition on his return from Florida last spring, when he seemed to have renewed vigor for the labors before him, and commenced to put the material he had collected during his Florida trips in order for publication. This was so far advanced that at the time of his decease he was engaged in printing his memoir upon the Shell-mounds of Florida, a work that it is greatly to be hoped was so far completed in manuscript as to ensure its publication, as it will undoubtedly exhibit the thoroughness and cautiousness with which his investigations were made.

Professor Wyman was born in Chelmsford, Mass., August 11, 1814. He graduated at Harvard in the class of 1833, and four years after received his degree of M. D. He then passed two years of study in Europe, and soon after returning to this country accepted the position of Professor of Anatomy at the Hampden Sidney College of Virginia, which place he held until 1847, when he accepted the Hersey Professorship of Anatomy and Physiology at Harvard, which position he held at the time of his decease. He was one of the original Trustees, appointed by Mr. Peabody, of the Peabody Museum of American Ethnology and Archæology, and had from the first held the position of Curator of that Museum which owes so much to his care and labors. He always took an active part in the Boston Society of Natural History, and

succeeded Dr. Warren in the office of president, which office he held until 1870 when the state of his health compelled him to resign the chair. He was one of the original members and first officers of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and was also an original member of the National Academy. For many years he acted on the council of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was an honored member of many other societies. Professor Wyman was of a singularly modest and retiring disposition, and though a constant and most laborious worker, his reluctance to appear in public, and his extreme modesty regarding the results he attained, has prevented the world from sharing in but a very small part of his great knowledge, as his publications have been comparatively few in number. Ever ready to assist and guide those who sought his council he was, while scientifically severe, a most genial and thorough friend, and was greatly honored and respected by his pupils and friends.

In his death humanity loses an upright, reliable and strictly honest man, and science one of the most thorough and cautious of investigators.

THE French Association for the Advancement of Science held its third meeting at Lille, Aug. 20th, with a large number of foreign scientists in attendance. Over one hundred and fifty persons read papers during the meeting. One of the attractions was a visit to the new laboratory of experimental zoology at Vimereux, near Boulogne. There was also an excursion to Bruges and Antwerp. The session lasted for eight days.

THE International Congress of Anthropology and prehistoric Archæology opened Aug. 7, at Stockholm, with an attendance of 800 members, of which more than 300 were foreigners. Everything betokened a brilliant meeting.

THE new geological survey of Pennsylvania is being pushed with much vigor under the direction of Prof. J. P. Lesley. \$30,000 annually for three years have been voted by the legislature.

PROFESSOR CARL MOEBIUS left Kiel on the 25th of July for Mauritius. He will remain there five or six months to study the marine fauna of the island and make collections for the Prussian Universities.